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The Honorable Lamar Smith United States House of Representatives Washington DC 20515-4321

Dear Representative Smith:

I am pleased to submit the City of Austin's FY 2010 request for \$2 million for our Sanitary Sewer Overflow Prevention Project, which was approved unanimously by the Austin City Council as part of the City's <u>Federal Legislative Program for the 111th Congress – 1st Session</u>.

The requested funding will be used for our Non-Structural Sanitary Sewer Overflow Prevention Project in association with our partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This project is using an innovative trenchless sewer rehabilitation technique that eliminates infiltration and replaces the structural integrity of sewer mains without extensive excavation. Having EPA grant funds targeted to this activity frees up existing City financial resources to expand sanitary sewer monitoring, cleaning and maintenance, address grease control and permanent root elimination from the sewer system, and expand use of trenchless sanitary sewer rehabilitation techniques to other areas of the sewer system.

I appreciate your past support of this project and your consideration of this request.

Regards,

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